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MEMORANDUM FOR: FBIS Overseas Components

FROM: [REDACTED]

Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: Establishment of West Europe Bureau

1. Attached is the body of a December memorandum which requested approval for a new bureau in West Europe. I provide it to you as the best written rationale for this initiative. While concise it does cover all the major considerations. You may have already heard that the request has been approved. We will begin planning immediately for the earliest possible activation date. Since much of this effort is beyond our direct control, I have no good estimate for location or timing.

2. While I ask that you destroy the memorandum, I do encourage you to discuss it fully with your staff. We make no secret of this initiative, indeed I hope it will become common knowledge quite soon. As a final point, I think it useful to emphasize the advantages of a new bureau to complement the BBC efforts [REDACTED]

Attachment

P.S. Please give [REDACTED] a copy of this. We met with Duncy Clarridge and [REDACTED] this afternoon. After some additional coordination with State and DOD we will write him directly and hope for an initial visit this winter.

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